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OFFICIAL BALLOT

Santa Ana Unified School District Recall Election

Orange County

February 4, 2003

This ballot stub shall be removed
and retained by the voter.

SCHOOL	
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	
Shall NATIVO LOPEZ be recalled (removed) from the office of Governing Board Member?	Yes +
	No +
Candidates to succeed NATIVO LOPEZ if recalled. Your vote for a candidate will not be counted unless you also vote either "Yes" or "No" on the recall measure.	
Vote for One	
CANDY PETTUS Community College Instructor	+
VIVIAN MARTINEZ Office Administrator	+
ROB RICHARDSON Santa Ana Planning Commissioner	+
JOHN M. RAYA Businessman	+
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**YOUR HELP IS REQUESTED.
WE NEED MORE COMMUNITY
VOLUNTEERS.**

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VOTER'S PAMPHLET

The following pages contain
CANDIDATE'S STATEMENTS

As required by law, this pamphlet includes the proponents' "Grounds for Recall" and the officers' "Answers" thereto. Each officer is also permitted to prepare a candidate statement. The cost for printing and distributing the statement is paid by the officer.

**ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF OR OPPOSITION TO THE
PROPOSED LAWS ARE THE OPINIONS OF THE AUTHORS**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS
FOR THE PROPOSED RECALL OF NATIVO LOPEZ**

The grounds for the recall are as follows:

Failing to keep our credentialed, qualified, experienced teachers for the educational benefits our children deserve. Failing to teach our children English by not complying with the law of California. Failing to hear listen when your assistance is sought to improve local schools academically. Created underperforming schools that were achieving prior, due to your lack of attention to parents. BUILD MORE SCHOOLS FOR OUR CHILDREN!!!! QUALITY EDUCATION FIRST-ACCOUNTABILITY MATTERS-SUPPORT GIVE THE STUDENTS OF SANTA ANA THE EDUCATION THEY NEED AND DESERVE!

**ANSWER OF NATIVO LOPEZ TO STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED RECALL**

I have been a school board member and officer for only five years. Yet, test scores in reading and math have improved in every school for each of the past four years. English is the main language of instruction. Our students are learning English faster and better than ever before. This could only happen with excellent, experienced and committed teachers. Teacher training in reading and math instruction in our district is at an all-time high. At my insistence, we have created three new Fundamental Schools, and more will be added including our first Fundamental High School. Under my leadership, the Santa Ana voters approved the largest school construction bond, \$145 million, in the district's history. We are building more schools, in only seven years, than in all our previous history. Overcrowded schools in Santa Ana are becoming a thing of the past. All schools are being modernized and wired for computer technology. Our goal is computer literacy for every child. The student dropout rate is at an all-time low. Student expulsions are now almost non-existent. Crime in our district is the lowest in Orange County. Parent participation at all schools has never been higher. QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ARE MY WATCHWORDS.

s/ Nativo V. Lopez
Board Member,
Santa Ana Unified School District

**NATIVO LOPEZ
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**

I have been a school board member and officer for only six years. Yet, test scores in reading and math have improved in every school for each of the past five years.

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Parent participation at all schools has never been higher. Quality instruction, English first, parent choice, and accountability are my watchwords.

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**CANDY PETTUS
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**

As a mother of two and a college educator I know that a quality education is the key to a successful life. I believe that fluency in English is an absolute must for all children. As a college instructor I have seen the trend toward functional illiteracy in students.

It is disturbing to see our children struggle with the language. We must ensure that every student has the English skills necessary to function in our complex and technical work environments. It is our responsibility to provide this opportunity to every child in our district.

In order to accomplish this goal we must focus on teaching the basics and building new schools. This will give our teachers and children an environment that is conducive to learning.

Finally, parental involvement is a must. We need to look to create ways to include all parents in a cooperative educational experience. It is important that students, teachers and parents are all tied to the same goals.

We can be successful in educating all children if we focus on these issues. I respectfully ask for your vote so that I may be your voice in educating our children.

VIVIAN MARTINEZ
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

Children and residents of Santa Ana deserve better than Nativio Lopez and his self-serving agenda. That's why I, along with other concerned mothers, started this recall.

Despite the landslide vote for Proposition 227, Nativio ignores that law and us as parents. He stubbornly forces failed, bilingual education upon our children. Thousands of students are being taught in Spanish-only, rather than English, all for his political gain.

Nativio treats our children as if they are less capable than other students in the county. They're not! Our students are eager to learn. We must return to proven methods.

We passed a school bond three years ago. Where are the new classrooms? What's Nativio doing with our bond money? He and his allies just voted to deny the bond oversight committee, independent legal counsel to look after our tax dollars. Why?

Nativio and his allies have run our district into the ground. Competent, professional staff is resigning; teachers are threatened and intimidated; parents and residents are ignored and lied to repeatedly.

I'm not an ambitious politician like Nativio; I'm a concerned mother. I care about education in Santa Ana. I will be honest, diligent and accountable to you.

Recall Nativio. Help the children.

ROB RICHARDSON
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

I support the recall of Nativio Lopez.

Santa Ana's students, teachers, parents and taxpayers deserve new leadership to restore trust and move our district forward.

I served as President of the Board of Education in 1987-89 and on the City Council and Planning Commission. During my tenure we built schools and raised standards. I am seeking this seat to restore what has been lost... a commitment to educational excellence and academic achievement.

I graduated from Santa Ana High and UCLA. I'm active in the Santa Ana Kiwanis Club and have served 13 years as a director and two years as president of the Boys and Girls Club of Santa Ana.

I am proud to be endorsed by the Santa Ana Firefighters Association, Santa Ana Police Officers Association, Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Miguel Pulido and the entire Santa Ana City Council. They know me and my qualifications.

My platform for Santa Ana Unified:

English proficiency must be our top priority.

Partner with the City and neighborhoods to build schools where they are needed.

Raise Academic Standards in science and math.

Direct District finances to the classroom.

Ensure safe schools for all students.

I pledge to restore ethical decision making to our District. Please contact me at Richardson4SAUSD@aol.com.

JOHN RAYA
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER

Kim and I have lived in Santa Ana for almost 50 years, our two daughters have their diplomas from Santa Ana schools, our oldest son will have his soon and our youngest son attends elementary school.

I have served as a member of the Rancho Santiago Community College District Board of Trustees and on the Santa Ana Redevelopment Commission. I have helped to establish a youth boxing program for after school activity.

Our commitment to education should be judged by our examples of action. We must expand our English instruction within a framework of accountability and measurable, consistent improvement. We must provide the infrastructure for successful educational development. This means build more schools and as we build we must include the designation of more fundamental schools as a part of our business plan.

Parental involvement must be a district priority and the school district must commit to engaging all of the communities' stake holders.

The design and construction of new schools requires a sense of urgency and our community need to trust this board's understanding and level of involvement in the construction process. With over thirty years of new construction experience I know how to build and deliver on time.